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Jesus so much loved and honored,
Grant us what we ask of thee*

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*While celebrating Holy Mass at Coimbra,
Saint Anthony sees the soul of a Friar
Minor being carried to heaven.*

SAINT ANTHONY, THE WONDER-WORKER



“**G**OD is wonderful in His Saints,” but Anthony is the Saint of wonders. The marvelous power of miracles conferred upon him by God has won for Saint Anthony throughout the entire world the name of Wonder-Worker. The Church in her ancient responsory says of him, “If then you ask for miracles, go to Saint Anthony.” Saint Antonine, the Dominican Archbishop of Florence, calls him “the

Wonder-Worker beyond compare"; and in the holy Mass said on the feast-day of the Saint we read: "In life he wrought signs, in death miracles." So numerous were the miracles wrought on the day of his burial that his funeral procession became a triumphal ovation; while the wonders obtained through his intercession thereafter brought about his canonization in less than a year by Pope Gregory IX. In the letter of canonization, this Sovereign Pontiff conferred upon Anthony the title, "Operator miraculorum carissime," that is, "Dearest Wonder-Worker."

This was in the thirteenth century, and from that time on uninterruptedly to our own day, the history of the Saint has abounded in extraordinary examples of favors bestowed upon those who have sought his intercession. The sorrowful and afflicted are never weary of imploring his aid and Saint Anthony never wearies in obtaining their requests. His miracles are innumerable and almost infinitely varied: cripples have been cured, invalids healed, the dead brought back to life, temptations

heroically overcome, demons put to flight and, especially, lost things restored. He has advanced the temporal and still more the spiritual interest of his devout clients to such an extent that the mere enumeration of the marvels and blessings obtained through him would fill volumes. Every day new facts are added to those already known, confirming the ancient and constant belief that Saint Anthony is a wonderful helper in every necessity; a Saint chosen by God as the instrument of His Almighty power and love; a friend in need and a consoler in affliction; "a Wonder-Worker beyond compare." "Ask the Wonder-Worker with confidence," says Saint Bonaventure, "and he will obtain what you seek."



SAINT ANTHONY, THE SAINT
OF THE WHOLE WORLD

SAINTE ANTHONY of Padua is without question one of the most popular of Saints: popular enthusiasm has made him universally recognized. He is called the Saint of the Whole World because the faithful of the whole world love him. During the past seven hundred years, millions in every clime and land have been attracted to this great Franciscan Wonder-Worker. All classes, the rich and the poor, the renowned and the lowly, are drawn to him. Artists and scholars, sculptors and authors without number, have dedicated their talents to him. Everywhere churches and chapels arise in his honor, and shrines and altars invite his trustful friends. Hardly a Catholic church is without his statue, a Catholic chapel without his image, a Catholic home without his picture. With the names of Mary and

Joseph, the name of Anthony is invoked in almost every Catholic household with pious fervor and boundless confidence. "Thus," says Cherance, "there arises from all parts a universal concert of homage and praise in which each succeeding generation has a share; and heaven itself adds its harmonious note by the multitudinous and constant flow of graces and miracles with which it has crowned the invocation of Saint Anthony in every age." No doubt it was this universal acclaim for the Wonder-Worker of Padua that prompted his great client, Pope Leo XIII, to utter those significant words: "Saint Anthony is not only the Saint of Padua, but in truth the Saint of the Whole World."

This enthusiastic devotion to Saint Anthony has gone on for seven hundred years, and is not abating. Consequently, it seems quite natural to conclude that the Saint of the Whole World also has a special mission for the people of our time.

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF
SAINT ANTHONY

SAINTE ANTHONY was born in Lisbon, Portugal, on August 15, 1195. In baptism he received the name Ferdinand. His father was Martin de Bouillon of the renowned Bouillon family of Crusader fame. His mother was Teresa de Tavera, of an ancient and noble Portuguese line.

After splendid training at home, Ferdinand was sent at the age of ten to the cathedral school conducted under the care of the clergy. When fifteen, he consecrated himself to the religious life in the convent of the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine at Lisbon. He was transferred thence to Holy Cross Monastery at Coimbra, where he achieved a great name for both sanctity and learning.

It was here at Holy Cross that the young Canon Regular received his vocation to the Franciscan Order. When he

saw the remains of the first five Franciscan martyrs of Morocco, which were brought to Coimbra for interment, Ferdinand was inflamed with an ardent desire for similar martyrdom, and asked permission to join the sons of Saint Francis. In July of 1220 the new Franciscan received, with the habit of the Order, the name of Anthony, that name by which he is known and loved throughout the world. Four months later at his own urgent request, Anthony was sent to Morocco, that he too might share in the honors of martyrdom.

But God had decreed otherwise, and by means of sickness and shipwreck brought the martyr in desire to the land he was to glorify by his holy and miraculous life. For ten years Anthony traversed Italy and the greater part of France, going wherever obedience called him, to preach the Gospel of Christ with untiring zeal. He so successfully opposed the then prevailing heresies that he became known to all as the "Hammer of Heretics." Because of his knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures

he was greeted by Pope Gregory IX as the "Living Ark of the Testament."

Anthony's fame was at its zenith when, in 1228, he was sent to Padua. Here he spent the last few years of his life, in the city with which his name has been associated for seven centuries. Death came to the Saint on Friday, June 13, 1231, in his thirty-sixth year, in the little hospital adjoining the convent of the Poor Clares of Arcella, outside the city gates of Padua. Fearing a dispute between popular factions for possession of the treasured body of the Saint, the Friars tried to keep the news of his death from the people, but the children ran through the streets of the city, crying aloud: "The Saint is dead! Our Father, Saint Anthony, is dead!" He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on May 30, 1232, less than a year after his death.

In the year 1263 the tomb of the Saint was opened in order that his blessed remains might be transferred to the new sanctuary built in his honor. The marvel was then discovered that, though his fles!

had fallen to dust, his tongue remained fresh and ruddy like that of a living person. It was on this occasion that Saint Bonaventure, then Minister General of the Franciscan Order, taking the tongue of the Saint in his hands, uttered the words which now constitute the Antiphon preceding the Miraculous Responsory: "O blessed tongue that never ceased to praise God and always taught others to bless Him, now we plainly see how precious thou art in His sight!"



SAINT ANTHONY'S CLIENTS



A CLIENT is one who is under the protection of a patron.

We all wish to have Saint Anthony for our Patron and to share in his protection. Hence the question, how can we become clients of Saint Anthony? The answer is given in the three brief quotations included below from one of the greatest clients the Saint ever had, Pope Leo XIII.

1. "It is not enough that you love Saint Anthony," said Pope Leo to Dom Antonio Locatelli, "but you must make him loved."
2. "Invoke the assistance of Saint Anthony."

There are various ways in which Pope Leo's second rule may be carried out: Recite daily some prayer in the Saint's honor, i. e., the Responsory, the Litany or Rosary of Saint Anthony.

Have a little altar of the saint, or carry his picture, statuette, medal or scapular. Visit his shrine on Tuesday, the day dedicated to him.

Make a novena in preparation for the feast of Saint Anthony, June 13.

Keep the novena or devotion of the Nine Tuesdays or the Thirteen Tuesdays.

Strive to imitate the virtues of the Saint.

In all needs and anxieties have recourse to Saint Anthony, promising if your petition be granted, an alms to the poor, for whom the Saint displayed so much charity in life. (See Saint Anthony's Bread.)

3. "Become members of the Pious Union organized in his honor and enriched with the Church's indulgences."

The indulgences to which the Pontiff refers are many, and the obligations are few and simple. (See Pious Union of Saint Anthony.)

THE PIOUS UNION OF SAINT
ANTHONY



“**I**NVOKE the assistance of Saint Anthony and become a member of the Pious Union organized in his honor and enriched with the Church’s indulgences” (Pope Leo XIII).

The Pious Union of Saint Anthony gathers the individual clients of the Saint into one great family. It centralizes the prayers and good works undertaken in his honor, and thus allows all members to share in the prayers and good works of all the other members.

The Pious Union was canonically erected in Saint Anthony’s Church, Rome, February 13, 1894. A National Centre for the United States has been established, by special permission from Rome, at Saint Anthony’s Shrine, 135 West 31st Street, New York, N. Y.

OBJECTS OF THE PIOUS UNION

1. To thank God for the miraculous power granted to Saint Anthony.
2. To implore his powerful intercession.
3. To propagate his devotion.
4. To assist the poor.

OBLIGATIONS

1. Say daily, three times, Glory be to the Father, etc.
2. Recite daily the Miraculous Responsory to Saint Anthony, or if you do not know it by heart, say once the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father, etc.
3. Give an alms for the poor whenever you have obtained a favor through Saint Anthony.
4. Receive the Sacraments on the feast of Saint Anthony (June 13), or within the Octave.

ADVANTAGES

1. A plenary indulgence on the day of admission, or the Sunday following.
2. A plenary indulgence on the feast of Saint Anthony (June 13).
3. A plenary indulgence on the feast of the Translation of his Relics (February 15).
4. A plenary indulgence on thirteen succeeding Tuesdays, any time in the year, when receiving on those days the Sacraments and praying for the intention of the Holy Father.
5. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death.
6. Seven years and seven quarantines on every day of the Novena preceding the feast of Saint Anthony.
7. One hundred days indulgence when saying the three Glories.
8. One hundred days when praying for the objects of the Union.

9. Participation in a Holy Mass said every Tuesday in Rome and at Saint Anthony's Shrine, New York City.
10. A share in all the good works performed by the members of the three Orders of Saint Francis.

ADMISSION

Members may be admitted to the Pious Union by applying to their local Franciscan Monastery, or by sending their full name and address to the Director of the Pious Union, Saint Anthony's Shrine, 135 West 31st Street, New York, N. Y.





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*The Divine Child appears to Saint Anthony
at Chateauneuf.*

SAINT ANTHONY'S BREAD



SAINTE ANTHONY'S BREAD for the poor is a devotion which has spread throughout the Catholic world, obtaining marvelous favors for the clients of the Saint, and bringing relief to the poor of the Lord. The ultimate, practical effect of this devotion to Saint Anthony is to proclaim to a hard-hearted and unbelieving world that charity is the wide avenue to the favors of heaven. Saint Anthony loves the poor now, as he did in life. Hence he asks his clients to put into tan-

gible form the inheritance of love he received from the Little Poor Man of Assisi. It is the experience of all who appeal to the great Wonder-Worker that their petitions are more likely to be granted if they are coupled with a promise to help the needy. This sure way of enlisting the kindness and sympathy of the Saint, by charity to the poor, is called Saint Anthony's Bread.

To participate in this devotion, accompany your petition to the Saint with a promise to him, that if, at the expiration of a given time, he shall have secured its fulfillment, a certain sum of money will be donated to him to buy bread for the needy. The alms may be given to any charity you choose, but among the poor may be justly remembered the poor students who, like Saint Anthony, aspire to the priesthood. To contribute to their support in this manner is at once an act of charity and an act of devotion.

By this continual alternation of benefactors and benefits a chain of charity is woven, the ends of which are held in the

hands of the Wonder-Worker of Padua, to be presented as an acceptable offering to Him Who is the source of all charity.

A branch of Saint Anthony's Bread has been established at the Franciscan Seminary, Callicoon, Sullivan Co., N. Y., for the purpose of aiding poor young men who are preparing for the priesthood in the Franciscan Order — that Order to which Saint Anthony brought such glory and contributed so much.

OTHER OBSERVANCES

BEADS OR CHAPLET OF SAINT ANTHONY

The devotion known as the Beads or Chaplet of Saint Anthony, is practiced in honor of the thirteen miracles enumerated in the Miraculous Responsory. The chaplet has thirty-nine beads arranged in thirteen groups of three beads each. On the first bead of every group, the Our Father is said; on the second bead, the Hail Mary; on the third, Glory be to the Father, etc.; at the end the Miraculous Responsory is recited.

There is an indulgence of one hundred days each time; if the chaplet is recited every day for a month, a plenary indulgence may be gained on any suitable day of that month, if after confession and communion you visit a church and there pray for the intention of the Holy Father. (Pius IX, January 25, 1866.)

SCAPULAR OF SAINT ANTHONY

The scapular of Saint Anthony is made of gray wool and bears the picture of the Saint with the Infant Jesus in his arms. The reverse of the scapular shows a representation of the reliquary containing the blessed tongue of Saint Anthony.



TUESDAY — DEDICATED TO
SAINT ANTHONY



TUESDAY is dedicated to Saint Anthony because of the many and astounding miracles which occurred on the Tuesday on which his body was laid to rest. So numerous were these prodigies, as has been told before, that the sombre funeral was transformed into a triumphal procession. It is said that no one invoked the aid of the Saint without obtaining relief. All returned to their homes comforted, praising God and saying: "*This is the day the Lord hath made to Saint Anthony; let us be glad and rejoice therein.*"

Since that time the people dedicated every Tuesday to Saint Anthony as being the day on which God was pleased to show forth the power of the Saint. This pious custom gradually spread throughout the Catholic world. In Franciscan churches

each Tuesday devotions are held in his honor, and faithful clients come to pay homage to him. Saint Anthony himself has chosen Tuesday as his own. He has obtained throughout the centuries countless favors, spiritual and temporal, for those who have honored him on that day.

The Church has set her approval upon Tuesday as Saint Anthony's day by generous indulgences.

A plenary indulgence is granted on every Tuesday of the year to all who receive the Sacraments and on that day visit a Franciscan church where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and there pray for the intention of the Holy Father. (Leo XIII, March 11, 1898.)

A plenary indulgence is granted to those who visit a Franciscan church on one of the nine Tuesdays immediately preceding the feast of Saint Anthony (June 13), receive the Sacraments and pray for the intention of the Holy Father. (Pope Clement XIV, May 25, 1770.)

An indulgence of seven years and seven

quarantines may be gained on any Tuesday of the year by visiting a Franciscan church. (Pope Benedict XIV, May 7, 1751.)

DEVOTION OF THE NINE TUESDAYS

SAINT ANTHONY himself is the author of this devotion of nine consecutive Tuesdays of prayer in his honor. In the year 1617 he appeared to a pious lady of Bologna who had besought his intercession in a very important matter, and said to her: "Visit my statue in the church of the Friars Minor for nine consecutive Tuesdays and your prayers will be heard." The lady hastened to obey the instructions of the Saint, and as a reward, obtained the favor she so ardently desired. The fame of this miracle soon spread abroad and the devotion of the Nine Tuesdays began to be practiced by many. The Church sanctioned this pious practice in the following manner:

On all Tuesdays of the year a plenary indulgence is granted to those who perform the devotion of the Nine Tuesdays, provided they visit a Franciscan church, receive the Sacraments and pray for the intention of the Holy Father. The devotion may or may not be observed on consecutive Tuesdays. (Clement XIII, March 28, 1763.) If the client is unable to visit a church, the devotion may be practiced at home before a picture or statue of Saint Anthony.

HOW TO MAKE A NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY

1. Visit on nine consecutive Tuesdays (or nine consecutive days) the altar or statue of Saint Anthony in a Franciscan church, and lay your petitions humbly before him.
2. If possible receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.
3. Endeavor to imitate the virtues of the Saint, especially his humility and purity.

4. If you wish, promise an alms for Saint Anthony's Bread for the Poor.

In case it is impossible to visit a Franciscan church, the devotion may be conducted in any church or at home before a picture or statue of Saint Anthony.

PRAYERS FOR EACH TUESDAY (OR NOVENA)

O glorious Saint Anthony, safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed, who by a miraculous revelation hast directed all those who seek aid to come to thy altar, with the promise that whoever visits it and there piously invokes thee will feel the power of thy intercession, I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to thee, O powerful Saint, and with a firm hope implore thy aid, thy protection, thy counsel and thy blessing. Obtain for me, I beseech thee, my request in this necessity (mention the request). But if it should be opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul, obtain for me such other graces as shall be conducive to my

salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Anthony.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray

Almighty and Eternal God! Who didst glorify Thy faithful confessor Anthony with the perpetual gift of working miracles, graciously grant that what we confidently seek through his merits we may surely receive through his intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTION OF THE THIRTEEN
TUESDAYS

The fervor of the faithful was not satisfied with devoting only nine Tuesdays in honor of Saint Anthony; gradually the number increased to thirteen. The number thirteen was selected in remembrance of the date of the Saint's death, which occurred on June thirteenth.

This devotion, while not so old as that of the Nine Tuesdays, is sanctioned by the Church's supreme authority, and enriched with many indulgences. What the Church approves on earth is approved in heaven, and God has visibly shown this by granting graces and favors without number in honor of the Wonder-Worker of Padua.

The exercises of this devotion begin on Tuesday about the middle of March and end on the Tuesday before June thirteenth. Any other consecutive Tuesdays may be chosen, and the general methods of making a novena apply to this devotion.

A plenary indulgence is granted on each day of the thirteen consecutive Tuesdays (or Sundays) once a year, and on any suitable day during the year, to all those who receive the Sacraments and on those days visit any church or public oratory and there pray to Saint Anthony, and for the intention of the Holy Father. (Leo XIII, March 1, 1898.)

(Prayers for the Nine Tuesdays and the Thirteen Tuesdays are given on pages 45 and 67.)

Prayers to
Saint Anthony

PRAYER IN ANY NECESSITY

We salute thee, Saint Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. We salute thee, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. We rejoice at the favors our Lord has so liberally bestowed on thee. In humility and confidence we entreat thee to help us, for we know that God has given thee charity and pity, as well as power. Oh, then, behold our distress, our anxiety, our fears concerning our salvation. We ask thee by the love thou feltest toward the amiable little Jesus, when He covered thee with His caresses, to tell Him now of our wants. One sigh from that breast He so honored will crown our success, will fill us with joy. Oh! remember how complete thy bliss was as thou heldest Him to thy breast, pressed thy cheek to His, and listened to His angelic voice. Think of this, and hear us for His condescending love. If we could behold thee we would bathe thy feet with respectful tears, and tell

thee all we feel, all we fear for our salvation. But to see thee is not granted us; therefore, we salute thee in spirit, O glorious favorite of God, and bow down our guilty heads before thee in humble reverence, while we raise our sad hearts full of hope toward heaven and thee, for He Who so often put Himself in thy arms will now fill thy hands with all we ask of thee. Give us, then, what we desire, angel of love, and we will publish thy grandeur, thereby to honor and glorify Him Who so blessed thee. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS IN SAINT ANTHONY'S ARMS

O sweet Infant Jesus, Thou best and only hope of afflicted souls, I prostrate myself at Thy feet and beseech Thee, through Thy immeasurable love and grace, whereby Thou didst visit Thy blessed servant Saint Anthony and comfort and embrace him, to come to me at his intercession and let me taste how sweet Thy presence is to the souls that trust in Thee.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY

O holy Saint Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (mention the request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, Who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO SAINT ANTHONY

O glorious Saint Anthony, servant and friend of God, I salute thee through the most loving Heart of our Divine Saviour Jesus Christ, Whom thou didst bear in thy pure arms under the form of a child. I choose thee today as my patron, advocate and father, I place all my cares and temptations in thy hands, I earnestly resolve never to forsake thee.

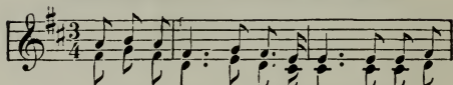
Great Saint, lily of celestial purity and vanquisher of concupiscence, obtain for me and all thy other clients perfect purity of body and soul.

I also, in imitation of thy zeal, promise to lead others to the knowledge, the love and the service of God through my own example and counsel.

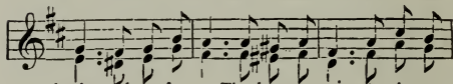
ASPIRATIONS TO SAINT
ANTHONY

1. V. Saint Anthony, our Patron and our
Advocate,
R. Grant us what we ask of thee.
2. V. Saint Anthony, powerful in word
and work,
R. Grant us what we ask of thee.
3. V. Saint Anthony, attentive to those
who invoke thee,
R. Grant us what we ask of thee.
4. V. Saint Anthony, glory of the Church
and honor of the Franciscan Order,
R. Grant us what we ask of thee.
5. V. Saint Anthony, whom the Infant
Jesus so much loved and honored,
R. Grant us what we ask of thee.

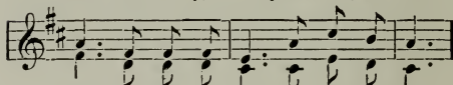
THE MIRACULOUS RESPONSORY.



If mir - a - cles thou fain would'st see: Lo! er - ror,

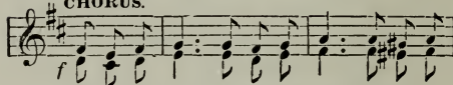


death, ca - lam - i - ty, The leprous stain, the de - mon

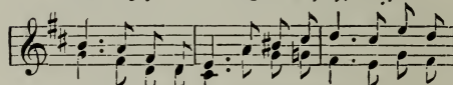


flies, From beds of pain the sick a - rise.

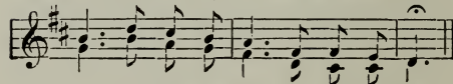
CHORUS.



The hun - gry seas fore go their prey, The pris - o -



ner's cruel chains give way; While palsied limbs and treasures



lost Both young and old re - cov - ered boast.

THE RESPONSORY OF
SAINT ANTHONY

(By Saint Bonaventure)

- V. If miracles thou fain wouldst see:
Lo! error, death, calamity,
The leprous stain, the demon flies,
From beds of pain the sick arise.
- R. The hungry seas forego their prey,
The prisoner's cruel chains give way,
While palsied limbs, and treasures lost,
Both young and old recovered boast.
- V. And perils perish; plenty's hoard
Is heaped on hunger's famished board.
Let those relate who know it well,
Let Padua of her Patron tell.
- R. The hungry seas forego their prey,
The prisoner's cruel chains give way,
While palsied limbs, and treasures lost,
Both young and old recovered boast.

- V. May glory to the Father be,
And to the Son eternally,
And to the Spirit, in essence one,
In Persons three, be honor done.
- R. The hungry seas forego their prey,
The prisoner's cruel chains give way,
While palsied limbs, and treasures lost,
Both young and old recovered boast.
- V. Pray for us, Blessed Anthony,
- R. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Let us Pray

O God! let the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, be a source of joy to Thy Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance and may deserve to possess eternal joy. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Indulgence of 100 days each time.

If recited each day for a month, plenary indulgence on any suitable day of that month, under the usual conditions: Confession, Communion, visit to a church and prayers for the intention of the Pope. (Pius IX, 1866.)

LITANY OF SAINT ANTHONY

Lord, have mercy on us!

Christ, have mercy on us!

Lord, have mercy on us!

Christ, hear us!

Christ, graciously hear us!

Holy Mary,

Holy Father Francis,

Saint Anthony of Padua,

Saint Anthony, glory of the order of
Friars Minor,

Saint Anthony, martyr in desiring to
die for Christ,

Saint Anthony, pillar of the Church,

Saint Anthony, worthy priest of God,

Saint Anthony, apostolic preacher,

Saint Anthony, teacher of truth,

Saint Anthony, hammer of heretics,

Saint Anthony, comforter of the
afflicted,

Saint Anthony, helper in necessities,

Saint Anthony, deliverer of captives,

Saint Anthony, guide of the erring,

Pray for us.

Saint Anthony, restorer of lost things,
Saint Anthony, chosen intercessor,
Saint Anthony, continuous worker of miracles,

} Pray for us.

Be merciful unto us, *spare us*, O Lord!

Be merciful unto us, *hear us*, O Lord!

From all evil,

From all sin,

From all dangers of body and soul,

From the snares of the devil,

From pestilence, famine and war,

From eternal death,

Through the merits of Saint Anthony,

Through his zeal for the conversion of sinners,

Through his desire for the crown of martyrdom,

Through his fatigues and labors,

Through his preaching and teaching,

Through his penitential tears,

Through his patience and humility,

Through his glorious death,

Through the number of his prodigies,

In the day of judgment,

} O Lord, deliver us!

We sinners,
That Thou vouchsafe to bring us to
true penance,
That Thou vouchsafe to grant us
patience in our trials,
That Thou vouchsafe to assist us in
our necessities,
That Thou vouchsafe to grant our
petitions,
That Thou vouchsafe to kindle the
fire of divine love within us,
That Thou vouchsafe us the protec-
tion and intercession of Saint An-
thony,
Son of God,
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord!*
Christ, hear us!
Christ, graciously hear us!
V. Pray for us, Saint Anthony,
R. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ!

We beseech Thee, hear us!

Let us Pray

Almighty and eternal God, Who didst glorify Thy faithful confessor Anthony with the perpetual gift of working miracles, graciously grant that what we confidently seek through his merits we may surely receive by his intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE SAINT'S
BLESSED TONGUE

O blessed tongue! that always blessed the Lord, and made others bless and praise Him; it is now manifest what great merits thou dost possess in the sight of God.

Pray for us, Saint Anthony,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray

O Almighty God, Who alone dost perform miracles, grant, we beseech Thee, that as Thou didst preserve the tongue of

Thy holy confessor Saint Anthony incorrupt after death, we, through his intercession and after his example, may be worthy of praising and blessing Thee forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THINGS LOST OR STOLEN

O blessed Saint Anthony! The grace of God has made thee a powerful advocate in all necessities, and the patron for the restoration of things lost or stolen. To thee I turn today with childlike love and heartfelt confidence. Oh, how many thousands hast thou miraculously aided in the recovery of lost goods! Thou wast the counselor of the erring, the comforter of the afflicted, the healer of the sick, the raiser of the dead, the deliverer of the captive, the refuge of the afflicted. To thee do I hasten, O blessed Saint Anthony! Help me in my present affliction. I recommend what I have lost to thy care, in the secure hope that thou wilt restore it to me if it

be to the greater glory of God and to the spiritual benefit of my soul. Obtain also for me an active faith, peace of mind, disgust for the vain pleasures of the world, and an ardent desire for the imperishable goods of eternity. Amen.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father. Responsory.*]

PRAYER FOR THE HAPPY CHOICE OF A STATE IN LIFE

O blessed Saint Anthony, thou wast especially enlightened by God to know the station in life wherein thou didst attain such a high degree of holiness; graciously obtain for me, I beseech thee, the grace from God that I may know and be able to embrace in spite of all obstacles the station in life to which I am called and in which I may the more easily attain eternal salvation. Amen.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE GRACE
OF HOLY PURITY

O purest Saint Anthony, who through thy angelic virtue hast been made worthy to be caressed by Jesus, to hold Him in thy arms and press Him to thy heart, I entreat thee to cast a benevolent glance upon me, a poor sinner. By the mere touch of thy garment thou hast communicated that most precious of all gifts, holy purity. Oh, deliver me by thy powerful intercession from all thoughts and actions against the holy virtue, that I may become a pleasing object in the eyes of Jesus and His Immaculate Mother.

Pray for me that my heart and soul may remain pure and undefiled until death, and that I may rather die than offend God by mortal sin. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O glorious Saint Anthony, invincible conqueror of death, who didst restore so many to life, protect me from a sudden

and unprovided death and my soul from mortal sin, in order that I may always love God and remain in His holy grace. Amen.

SAINT ANTHONY'S BLESSING

Behold the Cross of the Lord!

Fly, ye hostile powers!

The Lion of the Tribe of Juda, the root of David, has conquered, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Saint Anthony, vanquisher of demons, pray for us!

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

Let us Pray

Grant, O Lord, to Thy people through the intercession of Thy servant, blessed Anthony, the grace to prevail over the powers of darkness, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

From the snares of the devil, deliver us, Saint Anthony.

100 days indulgence once a day. (Leo XIII, May 21, 1892.)

NOVENA OF MEDITATIONS AND
PRAYERS
(FOR NINE TUESDAYS)



FIRST TUESDAY — *Saint Anthony's Fear of God.*

Meditation: "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is all man" (*Eccl. 12, 13*).

Saint Anthony always had a childlike fear of God. He always spoke of God in a most reverent manner and most conscientiously kept His commandments. He feared nothing but sin. Once while praying in the church at Lisbon the evil spirit appeared personally to tempt him. Saint Anthony vanquished the demon by making the sign of the cross with his finger on the marble floor of the sanctuary, the imprint of which may be seen even to this day. He strove unceasingly to prevent sin in others. Thus he miraculously appeared during the night to many sinners, re-

proaching them for their secret crimes and commanding them to confess with true repentance.

Reflection: Have I always lived in fear of God and avoided sin to the best of my ability? Alas! how much evil have I shamelessly committed before the ever watchful eye of God! O merciful God, by Thy grace I make the firm resolution henceforth to imitate Saint Anthony in his holy fear of Thee by carefully avoiding all deliberate sin.

Prayer

O blessed Saint Anthony, who from thy earliest youth didst live in the fear of the Lord, and didst never dare to be unfaithful to Him even in the smallest things, obtain for me, from the infinitely just God Whom I have so often offended, the grace henceforth to walk with greater zeal in fear of His judgments, and never more to offend Him by mortal sin. Kindly take care also of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor,

provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week carefully to avoid all deliberate sin, and thus not to offend thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

SECOND TUESDAY—*Saint Anthony's Love of God.*

Meditation: "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (*John 15, 13*).

Saint Anthony longed to die a martyr for Jesus Christ. To this end he begged and obtained permission to go to Morocco where five Franciscans had shortly before been martyred. Divine Providence, however, had appointed another field for his

great love of God; the apostolate of a teacher and preacher. If he was not allowed to give Jesus life for life, he would at least give Him love for love. Untiringly and unceasingly he labored for the salvation of souls, bringing back countless sinners and infidels and inflaming thousands of hearts with the true love of God.

Reflection: How cold is my love for God! Saint Anthony sacrificed all for Him and I have given so little. Saint Anthony longed to give his life for Jesus, and I, at times, have been unwilling to renounce even the occasion of sin.

Prayer

O dear Saint Anthony, filled with the tender love of God, I realize full well what your example demands of me: to love God with my whole heart and with all my strength. Oh, that I may follow this teaching and imitate you in loving God! Obtain for me the grace always to carry this love of God in my heart and to show it in deed. Kindly take care also of that

concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor, provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week daily to make an act of love of God and carefully to avoid the occasion of sin and thus please the Heart of thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

THIRD TUESDAY — *Saint Anthony's Confidence in God.*

Meditation: "Who hath ever called upon God and He hath despised him?" (*Ecclus. 2, 12*).

Saint Anthony always mistrusted his own strength but placed absolute confidence in the Lord. He asked the greatest favors with complete certainty of being

heard. It was revealed to Saint Anthony that his father had been falsely accused of murder. Immediately hastening to Lisbon to prove his father's innocence, with the strongest confidence in God's infinite goodness, he approached the tomb of the murdered man and commanded him to give testimony. The dead man arose and solemnly denied the guilt of Saint Anthony's father. At another time, with the same confidence, the Saint caused a mule to kneel before the Sacred Host, in order to prove the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. In short, the numerous miracles performed during his life show forth his unbounded confidence in God.

Reflection: How feeble is my confidence in God compared with that of Saint Anthony! How easily do I become disheartened when my prayers are not immediately answered! Have my prayers, perhaps, not been heard for lack of this filial confidence in God's goodness?

Prayer

O glorious Saint Anthony, whose confidence in God has been rewarded by so many miracles, obtain for me the grace of a firm assurance that God in His mercy will not refuse me His assistance in my needs. Kindly take care also of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor, provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week frequently to reflect upon the infinite mercy and goodness of God toward me, a poor sinner, and thus to be filled with firm confidence in thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

FOURTH TUESDAY—*Saint Anthony's Love of His Neighbor.*

Meditation: "If any man say: I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar."

Saint Anthony's love of his fellow-creatures was extraordinary. It manifested itself in his continual readiness to become all to all in order to gain all for Christ. He was ever anxious to relieve the necessities and sufferings of his fellow-men. For their consolation he cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, even raised the dead to life. This love showed itself even toward his enemies. He did good to those that hated him and prayed for those that calumniated him. On one occasion the heretics of Rimini resolved upon the death of Saint Anthony. They invited him to a banquet and set poisoned food before him. Inspired, the Saint saw at once the snare laid for him, but undismayed and full of true love for his neighbor, he said to his enemies: "In order to prove to you the truth of the Gospel and to show you how much I have

at heart the welfare of your immortal souls, I will eat of this poisoned food." Then making the sign of the cross over the viands placed before him, he partook of them without injury. His enemies, astounded and ashamed, fell upon their knees and with all sincerity returned to the true fold.

Reflection: How much do I love my neighbor? Do I love him in deed or only in word? Do I pray for those who persecute or calumniate me, according to the teaching of Christ? Am I mindful of those divine words: "So also shall My heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not everyone his brother from your hearts"?

Prayer

O blessed Saint Anthony, perfect model of true charity, who didst assist thy neighbor, both friend and enemy, in spiritual as well as in corporal necessities, obtain for me the grace of truly loving my neighbor and of forgiving those who offend me, as I hope to be forgiven. Kindly take care

also of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor, provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week to practice works of mercy and truly to forgive my enemies, thus pleasing thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

FIFTH TUESDAY — *Saint Anthony's Humility.*

Meditation: "Unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven" (*Matt. 18, 3*).

With these words our divine Redeemer pointed out humility as a means to salvation. Humility is the foundation of every Christian virtue. Saint Anthony possessed

humility in its highest perfection. He despised the honors of the world, he despised himself, he rejoiced in being despised. Although of noble birth and great learning, he humbly took upon himself the offices and duties of the least lay brother in the monastery at Monte Paolo. The success of his sermons was wonderful; the signs which lent a superhuman power to his words were magnificent; the praise given to his work, even by the Pope himself, was extraordinary; and yet he always remained the humble priest and simple Franciscan Friar.

Reflection: How unlike am I to Saint Anthony! Am I not proud or vain of pretended prerogatives either of soul or body? Does not the smallest humiliation disturb the peace of my soul? Do I not always look for human praise instead of seeking the favor of God alone?

Prayer

O glorious Saint Anthony, true model of humility, who didst deem thyself the least of thy brethren, graciously look down

upon me and obtain for me the grace to become truly meek and humble of heart. Kindly also take care of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor, provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week not to seek human praise and to bear patiently all humiliations in imitation of thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

SIXTH TUESDAY—*Saint Anthony's Purity.*

Meditation: "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God."

Thus spoke our dear Lord in His Sermon on the Mount. Saint Anthony was a lily of purity. He took special care to preserve by strict discipline the virtue of

holy purity from every stain. He knew full well that purity can only be attained by self-denial and prayer. Severe and numerous were the penances and mortifications he inflicted upon his body, which he called his beast of burden. He spent many hours of the night in prayer. One night, when Saint Anthony was staying with his friend, the Count of Campo San Piero, his pious host saw a brilliant ray of light under the door of the Saint's room. Pushing the door slightly ajar, he beheld a Child of marvelous beauty standing upon a book, which lay open upon the table, and clinging to Saint Anthony with both hands around his neck. With ineffable joy he watched the tender caresses of the Saint and the Christ-Child; he saw that Saint Anthony, through his eminent purity, was found worthy already on this earth to see his God.

Reflection: Am I endeavoring to remain clean of heart? Do I love and cherish purity of heart more than anything else on this earth? Do I use the means to attain purity—self-denial and prayer?

Prayer

O glorious Saint Anthony, who didst follow Jesus Christ by true self-denial, and thus didst preserve thy spotless purity and sanctity, in all contrition I must confess that heretofore I have been very remiss in using the means necessary to possess this virtue. The flesh is weak indeed, and only too soon would I break the resolution I now make if God did not continuously assist me. Pray for me, dear Saint Anthony, that I may ever practice chastity according to my state of life, and fill my heart with a hatred and detestation of everything dangerous to this virtue. Kindly take care also of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week to practice self-denial and prayer and thus preserve purity of body and soul, the virtue most dear to thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ Who with the Father and Holy Ghost

liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

SEVENTH TUESDAY — *Saint Anthony's Christian Fortitude.*

Meditation: "Do manfully and be strengthened," exhorts the Apostle Saint Paul. Saint Anthony followed this admonition and became a model of Christian fortitude. He preached Jesus intrepidly, fearing neither the hostility of men nor the rage of hell. Toward the middle of the thirteenth century Italy trembled at the very name of Ezzelino, a tiger in human form, who either murdered his victims or left them to die of hunger in the prisons. Ezzelino had come to the very gates of Padua. Defenseless and alone, Saint Anthony ventured before him and reproached him for his crimes, pointing out to him God's avenging justice. Ezzelino threw himself at the feet of the Saint and

promised to amend his life. "It seemed to me," he said afterward to his soldiers, "that the eyes of that Friar darted forth flashes of lightning and that I was on the point of being hurled headlong into the abyss of hell." How seldom does it happen that a man thus exposes himself to certain death for the salvation of his fellow-creatures and in defence of the true faith!

Reflection: What strength do I show in professing my faith in Christ? Am I not sometimes ashamed of my faith? Do I not at times, out of human respect, fail to observe the commandments of God and the Church? Have I, perhaps, neglected the practice of my faith in public through lack of Christian fortitude?

Prayer

O great Saint Anthony, intrepid champion of Jesus Christ, who with holy courage didst denounce vice and cruelty, obtain for me the grace that, in these days of unbelief and religious indifference, I may be strong in my Catholic faith and

resolute in the fulfillment of my Christian duties. Kindly take care also of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor, provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week to cast aside all human respect, and with a strong and steadfast faith ever to confess thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

EIGHTH TUESDAY — *Saint Anthony's Patience and Resignation to the Will of God.*

Meditation: "In your patience you shall possess your souls" (*Luke 21, 19*).

Saint Anthony was a model of patience. Never lamenting or complaining over the sufferings and adversities of life, he gladly bore the cross God had laid upon him.

Thus, when the Saint went to the General Chapter at Assisi in 1221, his reception was very discouraging. On account of his emaciated exterior no superior wished to accept him. He remained entirely disregarded, until at last the Provincial of Romagna consented and placed him in the small convent at Monte Paolo. What patience for a man who had previously been such a noted scholar and saintly religious in the Augustinian Order!

Reflection: Do I patiently carry the cross which God has laid upon me? Alas, no! I shun it as much as possible. I murmur over its heaviness. I become impatient if our Lord does not quickly take it from me. The smallest adversity excites my anger and I lose my peace of mind.

Prayer

O glorious Saint Anthony, perfect model of patience and meekness, who hast joyfully taken upon thyself so many unmerited contempts and troubles, obtain for me, from the divine Heart of Jesus, the grace henceforward to embrace with

love the cross of Christ, and patiently to bear all the adversities of life. Kindly take care also of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor, provided it be not opposed to the Will of God and the welfare of my soul. To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve, with thy assistance, during the coming week to suppress all anger and impatience, to bear my cross with resignation and thus follow in the footsteps of thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

NINTH TUESDAY — *Saint Anthony's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and His Happy Death.*

Meditation: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints" (*Ps.* 115, 15).

Saint Anthony was born on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was baptized in a church dedicated to her honor, loved her all through his life, preached her honor and glory in numerous sermons and died chanting the beautiful hymn: "O Gloriosa Domina." At the moment of his death his countenance appeared suffused in a heavenly light, and one of his brethren asking what it meant, he said in a clear voice, "I see my God," and breathed forth his pure soul into the hands of his Maker. At the same time he appeared to the Abbot of Vercelli, saying: "I am now going to my heavenly home." His brethren endeavored to keep his death secret for a time, but the children ran through the streets of Padua crying out: "The holy padre is dead! Saint Anthony is dead!"

Reflection: Some day I also must die. Will my death be as precious in the sight of God as was that of Saint Anthony? If I wish to die well, I must live well. What would be my lot if our Lord called me today—at this moment? Do I practice

that efficacious means for a happy death, true devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Prayer

O blessed Saint Anthony, who already on the day of thy happy death didst enter into heavenly glory, look down upon me from thy celestial throne, and obtain for me the grace of a happy and holy death. Kindly take care of that concern which prompted me to perform this devotion in thy honor. Hear me, holy Wonder-Worker of Padua! Obtain for me by thy powerful intercession the favor I so fervently ask. May the holy Will of God, however, be done in all things! To prove myself more worthy of being heard I resolve with thy assistance, during the coming week to practice devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and hereafter faithfully to keep all the resolutions I have made on these nine Tuesdays for the honor and glory of thy and my dearly beloved Lord and Saviour, Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved and honored, grant me what I ask of thee.

Closing Prayer of the Novena

O blessed Saint Anthony, my faithful intercessor, I have now, through the grace of God and thy assistance, finished these pious exercises in thy honor. I had, indeed, the will and desire to do all in my power for thy greater honor and glory: but thou knowest my weakness and misery and want of devotion. Therefore I beseech thee to make amends for all my failings, and to offer thy merits and good works for me, that I may find grace and hearing with God. Obtain for me, through thy merits, the blessings of a virtuous life, a true knowledge of my God and of myself, a perfect mortification of my senses, and a complete triumph over all temptations. I place myself under thy special protection: assist me to follow thy example in life, and come to my aid in death: in that dread moment let me experience the might of thy help. Amen.

SALUTATIONS FOR THE THIRTEEN TUESDAYS

1.

O glorious Saint Anthony, born under the protection of Mary Immaculate, on the Feast of her Assumption into heaven, and consecrated to her at a tender age; thou didst vanquish the demon by the sign of the cross, which thy finger impressed on the marble of the church where thou wert praying. Oh, we beseech thee, obtain for us a tender devotion to our Blessed Mother, and the strength to triumph over all the attacks of our infernal enemy.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

2.

O glorious Saint! thou didst escape from the dangers and temptations of the world by disdaining greatness, riches and the comforts of life, and by joining the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine; we

beseech thee, obtain for us detachment of the heart and a true contempt for the world.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

3.

O glorious Saint! thou didst feel a burning desire in thy youthful heart to suffer martyrdom for the faith, and for this purpose didst enter the Order of the Seraphic Saint Francis; we beseech thee, obtain for us the spirit of penance and mortification.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

4.

O glorious Saint! guided by sentiments of the most profound humility, thou didst all in thy power to hide thyself from the eyes of the world, when God suddenly made thee known as an ark of science and sanctity; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of practicing humility and of loving a life hidden in God.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

5.

O glorious Saint! chosen by God to preach His Word, thou didst receive from Him the gift of tongues, and the power of working the most extraordinary miracles; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace to listen willingly to divine inspirations and to hear with fruit the Word of God.

[Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.]

6.

O glorious Saint! thy ardent love of God merited for thee the happy privilege of receiving and caressing in thy arms the Divine Infant Jesus; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of receiving Him in the Blessed Eucharist with love and fervent devotion.

[Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.]

7.

O glorious Saint! thou didst confound the heretics and prove to them the Real

Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament by causing a dumb animal to kneel down and adore the sacred Host; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of a lively faith in the holy Eucharist.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

8.

O glorious Saint! when men refused to come and hear the Word of God, thou didst call the fishes of the sea to the shore and preach to them; we beseech thee, obtain for us the perfect submission of our minds and hearts to divine truths.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

9.

O glorious Saint! as protector of the innocent thou didst make a child only a few days old speak to save the honor of its mother; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of being strong and submissive to the Will of God in the midst of unjust

persecutions and of preserving intact the peace and purity of our souls.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

10.

O glorious Saint! once, while preaching at Padua thou didst find thyself at the same time at Lisbon, by a marvelous miracle, to defend thy father against calumny and to save him from death; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace that we may pardon all injuries and love our enemies.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

11.

O glorious Saint! by thy prayers, thy zeal, and thy heavenly wisdom thou didst convert thousands of heretics and hardened sinners; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of true conversion, that we may give ourselves entirely to God.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

12.

O glorious Saint! in imitation of our divine Redeemer, thou didst spend thy life for the salvation of souls; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace to become saints, to die a happy death, and to praise God forever with thee and all the saints and angels in heaven.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

13.

O glorious Saint! God has given thee the power of working miracles continually, and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke thy assistance in misfortune, anxiety, and distress; we beseech thee, obtain for us from Jesus, through Mary, His blessed Mother, what we beg of thee so fervently and hopefully, if it be for the glory of God and the good of our souls.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*]

In conclusion recite the Miraculous Responsory.

O SALUTARIS

1. O salutaris hostia,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.
2. Unitrinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

TANTUM ERGO

1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
2. Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio:
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

LAUDATE DOMINUM

1. Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes:
 laudate eum, omnes populi.
2. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.
3. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
4. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, we praise Thy Name!
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
 All in heaven above adore Thee:
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy Name.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and Seraphim
 In unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
 Holy! Holy! Holy Lord!

